

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, line 15, with the following amended paragraph:

--In accordance with another aspect of the present invention, the client computers that are used with the test component are partitioned into three components: test (lab client daemon), control (lab client manager), and image. The lab client daemon is a standalone application capable of communicating with the test component directly (e.g., via ADO), or via a thin client, which may be used to translate [[the]] a communication from a client computer that is a different protocol (e.g., via TCP/IP) than the protocol of the test component to a protocol understood by the test component.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, line 11, with the following amended paragraph:

--FIG. 5 shows a general overview of a process for testing software on multiple client machines in [[according]] accordance with one aspect of the present invention;--

Please replace the paragraph at page 11, line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

--drive [[140]] 141 that reads from or writes to non-removable, nonvolatile magnetic media, a magnetic disk drive 155 that reads from or writes to a removable, nonvolatile optical disk 156 such as a CD ROM or other optical media. Other removable/non-removable, volatile/nonvolatile computer storage media that can be used in the exemplary operating environment include, but are not limited to, magnetic tape cassettes, flash memory cards, digital versatile disks, digital video tape, solid state RAM, solid state ROM, and the like. The hard disk drive 141 is typically connected to the system bus 121 through a non-removable memory interface such as interface 140, and magnetic disk drive 151 and optical disk drive 155 are typically connected to the system bus 121 by a removable memory interface, such as interface 150.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 12, line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

--134, application programs 135, other program modules 136, and program data 137. Operating system 144, application programs 145, other program modules

146, and program data 147 are given different numbers herein to illustrate that, at a minimum, they are different copies. A user may enter commands and information into the computer ~~[[20]]~~ 110 through input devices such as a keyboard 162 and pointing device 161, commonly referred to as a mouse, trackball or touch pad. Other input devices (not shown) may include a microphone, joystick, game pad, satellite dish, scanner, a touch-sensitive screen of ~~[[an]]~~ a handheld PC or other writing tablet, or the like. These and other input devices are often connected to the processing unit 120 through a user input interface 160 that is coupled to the system bus, but may be connected by other interface and bus structures, such as a parallel port, game port or a universal serial bus (USB). A monitor 191 or other type of display device is also connected to the system bus 121 via an interface, such as a video interface 190. In addition to the monitor, computers may also include other peripheral output devices such as speakers 197 and printer 196, which may be connected through an output peripheral interface ~~[[190]]~~ 195.--

Please replace the paragraph at page 19, line 9, with the following amended paragraph:

--Turning now to an explanation of the operation of the present invention, FIGS. 5, 7, 8, and 9 generally show processes that may be performed by the test component 202 in accordance with the present invention. FIG. 5 shows a general overview of a process for testing software on multiple client machines in ~~[[according]]~~ accordance with one aspect of the present invention. As described above, tasks in a test packet may be conducted by a client machine 212 or a client machine 214, depending upon the protocol available on the client machine. For ease of reference, unless specific to one of the client machines 212 or 214, the operations herein will be discussed as being performed by a client machine "212, 214," emphasizing that either may be used.--